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THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION

- I. Continuing indications of preparations for offensive operations in Laos and strengthening of Chinese Communists air bases and transport facilities opposite Formosa.
- II. At the same time, there are no indications that the Communists intend to launch major military operations so long as they can capitalize on negotiations and steady growth of neutralism.
  - A. Chinese Communists maintain their drive to extend negotiations with the US to a higher-level.
  - B. Hints are increasing of need for a Far Eastern conference along Summit lines.
  - C. Japan is being wooed more ardently.

1. With Communist China, many visits by

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2. Trade has increased, and most Japanese believe only China list controls stand in way of greater increase.
  3. Private [redacted] fishing pact has benefited [redacted] fishermen and consumers.
  4. USSR has offered to repatriate [redacted] war criminals (after peace treaty), support [redacted] entry into United Nations, and return Habomais and Shikotan if Japan will not militarize them.
  5. North Korea has offered establish diplomatic relations and generally to support Japan in Tokyo's feud with South Korea.
  6. Several satellites have recently proposed diplomatic relations with Japan. Most of them in last two months have made trade deals with [redacted]

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- D. Reports are mounting about a second Afro-Asian conference with the USSR as a possible participant.
- E. The Communists continue to demand observance of the Geneva agreement terms on Indochina. They do not seem ready to use force against Diem.

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